



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

POSSE COMITATUS

PART 4 OF 13

BUFILE:157-33487

SUBJECT POSSE COMITATUS

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FILE ## HQ 157-33487 SECTION 1

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REPORTING OFFICE PORTLAND	OFFICE OF ORIGIN PORTLAND	DATE 4/26/73	INVESTIGATIVE PERIOD 8/31/72 - 3/12/73
TITLE OR CASE IDENTITY, aka Posse Comitatus		REPORT MADE BY [REDACTED]	TYPED BY [REDACTED]
		CHARACTER OF CASE EM - WHITE HATE	

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TO THE BUREAU

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Request Recd.	1cc-55		
Date Fwd.	5/11/73		
How Fwd.	R/20		
By	[REDACTED]		

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ADMINISTRATIVE

One copy of this report is being provided
U.S. Secret Service, Portland, Oregon.

The following Posse Comitatus members are
subjects of Portland files:

[REDACTED]
PDfile [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
PDfile [REDACTED]

This report is being classified confidential
to protect [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
Portland Police Department, and [REDACTED] Internal
Revenue Service, Portland, and [REDACTED] Multnomah
County Sheriff's Office, Portland, have been advised of
the existence, status and goals of the Posse Comitatus.
In addition, [REDACTED] was provided information on the
nature of the organization and character of members suf-
ficient to satisfy the information request of [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Madison County, Idaho.

It is noted the Portland Posse Comitatus members
range in age generally from 50 - 75 years, have associated
themselves with right wing groups for many years and have
never presented a threat in this community. The group has
made no efforts to affiliate itself with other white hate
groups, such as the Klu Klux Klan or the American Nazi
Party.

INFORMANT

Identity

Location

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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LEADS

PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will maintain contact with source and local law enforcement agencies for information on any further activities of this group.

AT EUGENE, OREGON. Will contact [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION~~- CONFIDENTIAL -~~

Copy to: 1 - Secret Service, Portland, Oregon (Registered Mail)

Report of:
Date:[REDACTED]
April 26, 1973

Office: Portland, Oregon

Field Office File #:

157-1286

Bureau File #:

Title:

IDENTITY,
Also Known As
Posse Comitatus308,629
DECLASSIFIED BY SP8BJJ/mmw
ON 6/24/80

Character:

EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE

Synopsis:

Investigation instituted at Portland, Oregon, 8/31/72, identified an organization calling itself Identity, or alternatively Portland Posse Comitatus. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] National Headquarters located Glendale, California. Known objectives and activities set forth. Portland group characterized as association of long-time Right Wing extremists who hold critical views of certain minority groups such as Negroes and Jews. Group also holds unusual views concerning constitutionality of law enforcement agencies and the IRS. Group members not considered threat to community.

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DETAILS

The following investigation is predicated on information received that a group of individuals calling themselves the Portland Posse Comitatus (PPC) was preaching a program of hate against the Negroes and the Jews, and calling for the repudiation and overthrow of the existing

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Exempt from GDS, Category II
Date of Declassification Indefinite

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law enforcement and judicial systems of this nation.

I. IDENTITY OF ORGANIZATION

A. Name

[REDACTED]

B. Address

[REDACTED]

C. Telephone Numbers

[REDACTED]

D. National Organization

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In addition, [REDACTED] is apparently the source of the hate literature showing up in Rexburg, Idaho. An associate press wire service story appeared April 8, 1973, in the "Oregonian," a Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper, captioned "Idaho Residents Form Posse Against Wishes of Sheriff," stated "A band of Madison County, Idaho, men have formed a citizens posse to back the local sheriff and insure that constitutional law is preserved."

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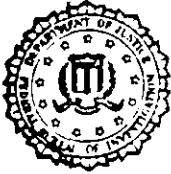
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Portland, Oregon

April 26, 1973

Title IDENTITY, Also Known As Posse
 Comitatus

Character EXTREMIST MATTER - WHITE HATE

Reference Portland report of SA [REDACTED]
 dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-28219)

DATE: 7/27/73 9-18-73

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1286)(C)

SUBJECT: IDENTITY, aka
Posse Comitatus
EM - WHITE HATE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6/24/80 BY SP8BJJ/mw

Re Portland report of SA [REDACTED], 4/26/73.

Furnished as enclosures for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM setting forth further information on the Portland version of the Posse Comitatus. Information copies are being furnished to Los Angeles and Sacramento in view of their concern with activities of the national organization.

Bulet to Albany, 7/9/73, captioned "IDENTITY GROUP, aka Ministry of Christ Church; EM - WHITE HATE," BuFile 157-28219, refers to the national organization with which the Portland group was formerly affiliated. One copy of the enclosed LHM is being designated for this Bureau file.

Sources utilized in the LHM are as follows:

Identity

Location

[REDACTED]

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- 3 - Bureau (Encs 6)(AM)(RM)
- 2 - 157-28777
- 1 - 157-28219

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- 1 - Los Angeles (Enc 1)(AM)(RM)(info)
- 1 - Sacramento (Enc 1)(AM)(RM)(info)
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[REDACTED] and [REDACTED] mentioned
in the enclosed LHM are subjects of PDfile [REDACTED] and
[REDACTED] respectively.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Portland, Oregon

July 27, 1973

IDENTITY,
Also Known As
Posse Comitatus

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6/24/82 BY SP8BJD/lmw

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Identity Group, also known as Ministry of Christ Church, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2382 (Sedition or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government).

William Potter Gale, Glendale, California, is the leader of Identity Group, which is also known as the Ministry of Christ Church, which has been described as a cover for an "underground army." He is the self-proclaimed minister of the church. Identity Group claims to have representatives in 40 states. It advocates violence against Federal officers, blacks, and Jewish elements. The Group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the killing of Federal judges as well as FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service Agents. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to "enforce" the law.

Member of Subject Organization

CURRENT STATUS

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IDENTITY,
Also Known As
Poss. Confidant

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[REDACTED]

The National States Rights Party is
an anti-Negro, anti-Semitic white
racist political party composed of
past members of Klan-type organi-
zations and other right-wing groups.

[REDACTED]

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Member of Subject Organization

IDENTITY,
Also Known As
Posse Comitatus

[REDACTED]

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Member of Subject Organization

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Member of Subject Organization

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The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1962, by Robert M. Jensen in Losborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. Jensen has just recently been released from federal prison for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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Portland, Oregon

July 27, 1972

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Title	IDENTITY, Also Known As Posse Comitatus
Character	
Reference	Portland memorandum dated and captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed
in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

██████████ with whom insufficient contact has been
established to ascertain reliability.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum


TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/31/73

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (157-1200) (C)

SUBJECT: 
EM - WHITE HATE

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED
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DATE 6/24/83 BY SP8 BTJ/lmw

Re Portland report of SA  captioned
"IDENTITY, aka Posse Comitatus, EM - WHITE HATE," dated
4/26/73.

Furnished as enclosures are five (5) copies of
a letterhead memorandum (LHM) setting forth subject's
known connections with extremist causes.

Subject is not being recommended for the
ADEX in that he does not pose a direct, current, or
realistic threat to the security of the U.S.

Sources utilized were:



157-33457-3

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- 2 - Bureau (Enc. 5) (AM) (RM)
- 1 - Portland

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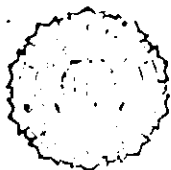
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon
July 31, 1973

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DATE 6/24/80 BY SP8BJJ/mw

This investigation is based on information which indicates that [REDACTED] is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 2385 (Advocating Overthrow of the Government).

[REDACTED]

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I. Background

A. Residence or Employment

II. Activity

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The National Socialist White People's Party, also known as The American Nazi Party, American Nazis, and The George Lincoln Rockwell Party, was organized on February 26, 1956, at Arlington, Virginia, based upon the concept of an international "National Socialist" movement as espoused by the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. The organization supports and follows the line of hatred against Negroes, Jews, and communists through various propaganda media seeking a legitimate dominant political party in the United States and foreign countries.

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[REDACTED]

The Minutemen is a paramilitant group organized in June, 1960, by Robert B. De Pugh in Norborne, Missouri, as a resistance to the spread of communism in the United States by use of guerrilla tactics. De Pugh is currently incarcerated in a Federal penitentiary for violation of the Federal Firearms Act.

The Patriot Party has been the political arm of the Minutemen.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

See Ref to

Portland, Oregon

July 31, 1973

Title

Character

Reference

Memorandum dated and captioned
as above at Portland, Oregon

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-7254)

DATE: 4/23/74

FROM : SAC, PORTLAND (100-8568)

SUBJECT: CHARACTERIZATIONS OF SUBVERSIVE,
RACIAL, KLAN, WHITE HATE, AND
MILITANT BLACK ORGANIZATIONS
INTERNAL SECURITY

Enclosed herewith are two characterizations, full length and brief, concerning the Oregon Committee Against Racist and Political Repression (OCARPR) and the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus. The OCARPR is now defunct.

Records
cc - 100-480094
(Oregon Committee Against Racist and Political Repression)
cc - 157-28219
(Sheriff's Posse Comitatus)

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(1-157-1432 POSSE COMITATUS)

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon

April 23, 1974

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File No.

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS
Portland File 157-1432

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According to published press reports, the "Posses consist of Patriotic men and women who are concerned about lawlessness, especially by those in public office." It is said to be "the vehicle which we the people can utilize to investigate, arrest, and carry out the decisions of the Citizens Grand Jury against oath breaking officials." The technique used by the Posses is to "educate people, then encourage them to uphold the law. Then, if they don't catch on we recommend that we, the Posses, enforce the law."

(a characterization of Identity should be attached)

[REDACTED]

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ENCLOSURE

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NOT FIELD WIDE INTEREST

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Brief Descriptive Sketch

The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus was organized during 1973 at Portland, Oregon, with autonomous branches being established throughout the country. The purpose of the organization is to oppose alleged improper and illegal acts of local, state, and federal authorities through a Citizens Grand Jury to review incidents of citizen harassment by government officials. Leaders of the group claim to have chapters in over 40 states.

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 4/24/74

FROM : JLM/pj SAC, PORTLAND (157-1432) (P)

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka
Posse Comitatus
EM
(OO: Portland)

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DATE 6/24/83 BY SP8BJH/mw

Re Portland report of SA [REDACTED] dated
4/26/73; Portland LHM, dated 7/27/73, both captioned,
"IDENTITY, aka Posse Comitatus," BUfile 157-28219, PD File
157-1286; Cleveland letter to Portland, dated 3/26/74.

Portland will report results of investigation
concerning the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus in a form suitable
for dissemination [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] (PD [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
(PD [REDACTED], both mentioned in letter, are being handled
under their respective case captions.

This investigation is based on information which
indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, also known as
Posse Comitatus, is engaged in activities which could involve
a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting
or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or
Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or
Section 241 (Civil Rights Act, 1968).


HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, Portland, Oregon, is the
national organizer of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, which claims
to have chapters in approximately 40 states. It advocates

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- 2- Butte (AM) (RM)
- 2- Cleveland (157-6060) (AM) (RM)
- 1- Los Angeles (157-7775) (info) (AM) (RM)
- 1- Sacramento (157-2632) (info) (AM) (RM)
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 - (2-157-1433) (Multnomah County)
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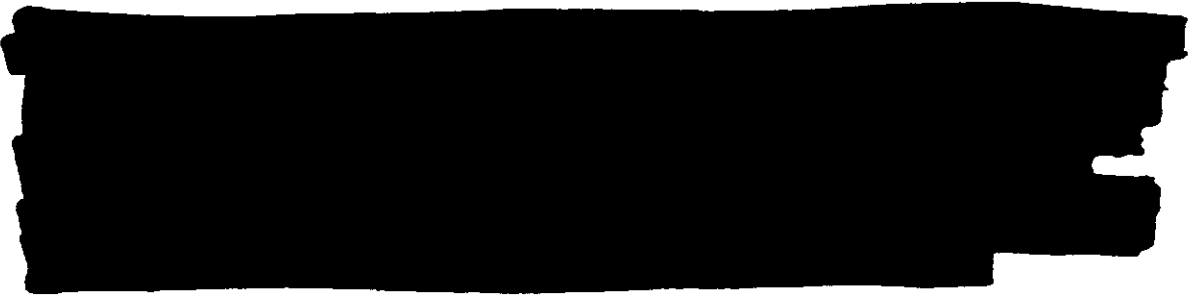
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For information of receiving offices, Portland by referenced communication, reported on activities of posse chapter in existence at Portland from November, 1972 through February, 1973. This posse chapter received its literature, and is considered to be a part of, the California organization known as Identity, originally organized by Reverend WILLIAM POTTELE. 

Since February, 1973, BEACH has, however, apparently, achieved substantial success in encouraging the growth of posse chapters throughout the United States. Both the Cleveland and Detroit Divisions have provided information about the "Posse," which have been forming based on the programs sent out by BEACH. Additionally, the posses have been receiving extensive coverage in the Pacific Northwest, including Portland, Eugene, and Pendleton, Oregon, Montesano and Spokane, Washington, and Rexburg, Idaho.

The most active chapters in Oregon have been in Lane and Baker Counties, the activities of which are being covered by the FBI and local law enforcement agencies. 




The literature of the group, and from press interviews of BEACH, and other posse leaders, would place the group in a more active position for the future. BEACH, in an associated press article dated and lined at Spokane, Washington, and carried in the 2/9/74 issue of The Oregonian, a Portland area daily newspaper, was quoted as saying, "The group advocates education of law enforcement officials followed by direct action if authorities fail to combat alleged law violations We first educate people, then encourage them to uphold the law. Then, if they don't catch on, we recommend that we, the Posse, enforce the law. Shooting? We are not apt to do that. But if conditions get much worse, it might come to that some day." The article went on to state posse targets run from young transients to the IRS and the Treasury Department's Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms agents. In a subsequent interview by a reporter from the Oregon Journal, another Portland area daily newspaper, in an article appearing 2/18/74, BEACH expressed displeasure with news reporters having labeled the organization a vigilante group and a "bunch of kooks." During this interview, BEACH characterized the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus as primarily a study group, a gathering of citizens in 36 states and more than one-half the nation's counties, who gather in small groups to educate themselves about the constitution.

JOHN TYNER, Chairman of a chapter in Montesano, Washington, was quoted as stating in an article appearing 3/4/74, in The Oregonian, "The Posse Comitatus, is the vehicle which we, the people, can utilize to investigate, arrest, and carry out the decisions of the Citizens Grand Jury against oath breaking officials. . . ."

ROBERT BARZEE, Chairman of another posse in Baker County, Oregon, was quoted in an article appearing 2/12/74, in the Democrat Herald, a Baker daily newspaper, that if a

member of the posse brings anyone before the sheriff and signed a complaint for his arrest, and if the sheriff refuses to act "he will be guilty of breaking his oath of office and the posse will then bring him to public trial by a jury of their peers." The posse will then "cause that the sheriff be removed from office and tried before a jury in the county court."

DEAN KENNEDY, Chairman of the Lane County chapter of the Posse Comitatus, was quoted in the 12/12/73 issue of The Oregonian as stating, "We want to go to the aid of someone who is being harassed by the federal government, for example if an IRS agent locks up someone's bank account, that sheriff should arrest that agent. But if he doesn't, we will protect the individual . . . you have a constitutional duty to stop paying taxes; we will come to your aid. . . the posse would use physical force if necessary to protect an individual from harassment." In the 3/25/74, issue of The Oregonian, KENNEDY stated he is now sending posse literature across the country and that one of the posse's first official acts in Lane County was to create a grand jury to review residents of alleged citizen harassment by government officials, to accumulate a body of evidence, and to report findings to the county sheriff. Additionally, KENNEDY is also a leader of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms, a legitimate political group formed for the purpose of opposition of restrictive gun legislation, has been sending posse literature out under the auspices of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms.

Additionally, numerous Portland citizens, as well as sources of the San Francisco and Los Angeles Divisions, have reported to Portland the receipt of similar posse literature from one ELMER ARTHUR [REDACTED], 4902 N.E. 30th Avenue, Portland. This literature consists of a pamphlet entitled, "Pay No More Income Taxes to the Zionist Jews by Authority of the United States Constitution," published by the national headquarters of the United States Christian Posse Association, P.O. Box 423, Glendale, California (This is the posse organization headed by WILLIAM P. GALE in California), and a pamphlet entitled, "This is the Internal Capture of the United States, the Proposed Potomac River Basin Compact," the publisher of which was not identified. The former publication has had added comments by ARTHUR to the effect he has been "charged by the Divine Trinity to expel the Zionist Jews and the people from world government," and a letter headed, "Collectors

of Internal Revenue, Created by the Zionist Jews, The Servants of the Devil," which expresses one complainant's view of the IRS and individuals of the Jewish persuasion [REDACTED]

[Portland is not in receipt of any information to date which would indicate that BEACH, the Portland area posse, or any other other chapter in Oregon, which has been formed as a result of his efforts, have taken to date any illegal steps. Their literature and some of the statements to the press, have been such as to indicate possible illegal activity planned for the future. It is also noted that BEACH, although being a national organizer, is not making any efforts to control the direction of chapters other than in Multnomah County, Oregon. He has stated, "Once you have become established as a recognized posse, you are on your own so far as the country is concerned. . . for now, we must contact and educate as many as possible so that when the time comes that we must take a stand there will be strength in our numbers."

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Information copies provided for Sacramento and Los Angeles due to their investigative interest in "Identity."

BUTTE

AT REXBURG, IDAHO. Press reports in Portland file indicate a posse chapter has been organized at Rexburg. [REDACTED]

Initiate investigation in accordance with Section 122, Manual of Instructions, and report results to Bureau and Portland.

CLEVELAND

AT DOVER, OHIO. Conduct similar investigation requested of Butte concerning group at Dover, Ohio.

SEATTLE

AT MONTESANO, WASHINGTON. Conduct similar investigation requested of Butte concerning group at Montesano, which is being organized by one [REDACTED]

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PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Continue to follow and report goals and activities of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus in accordance with Section 122, Manual of Instructions.

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SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.,
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Re Portland letter to the Bureau, 4/24/74; and
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May 23, 1974

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SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS,
Also known as,
Posse Comitatus

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, also known as Posse Comitatus, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 241 (Civil Rights Act, 1968).

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Previous investigation in the West disclosed that some of these organizations had advocated the killing of Federal officials including Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) Agents, Secret Service Agents, Federal Judges. They were reported to have organizations in 40 Western states as well as Mobile, Alabama.

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LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO. Enclosed for information of Los Angeles and Sacramento is one copy each of membership publication of the U. S. Taxpayer's Union, which is being organized by a number of California attorneys, including one [REDACTED]

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Portland notes the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) movement differs materially with the Identity Group movement in California, from which the SPC has developed. In contrast to the Identity Group program, the SPC is not anti-semitic or anti-black in its pronouncements nor has it shown any tendencies of following the Identity Group lead in getting arms and explosives or establishing an armed camp (Manaseh Ranch). The SPC in Oregon has primarily limited itself to opposing the spread of regional governments, federal assistance programs, the Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) being the prime example, and the most exclusive way, to refuse to pay federal income tax. The pronouncements of the SPC leaders, and the views expressed in SPC publications, however, show the Posse groups would, if they had the support felt necessary, take such actions as the arrest and trial of federal agents and other citizens, and forcibly intimidate IRS officers. As noted in the report, the national leader, MIKE BEACH, does not attempt to exercise control over the SPC group elsewhere in the United States, and thus a determination of whether each individual county Posse would require investigation must depend on the actions and proposals of that particular Posse. The question of affiliation of a particular county chapter with the SPC or Identity Group can be resolved by checking the source of the literature organizing the group, or the charter filed with the county clerk.

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Additionally, all Oregon chapters of SPC are presently being investigated to determine their goals and activities.

SA [REDACTED] Special Agent of the FBI referred to in report is

IRS, Portland, has been kept closely advised of the status of the SPC movement in Oregon. Information, including membership publications, concerning the U. S. Taxpayer's Union has been provided IRS, Portland.

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LOS ANGELES AND SACRAMENTO. Information copies are being provided Los Angeles and Sacramento due to the interest of those offices in the Identity Group, from which the SPC has developed, and the existence of a new organization calling itself the U. S. Taxpayer's Union, which can be expected to be active in those divisions.

ANCHORAGE, BUTTE, CLEVELAND, DETROIT, MILWAUKEE AND SEATTLE. Above offices have had SPC activity reported in their divisions. These offices should conduct preliminary investigation concerning these groups to determine their present activities, and future goals, and report in accordance with Section 122, Manual of Instructions.

PORTLAND

AT PORTLAND, OREGON. Will follow and report activities of SPC chapters in Multnomah, Washington, Baker, Umatilla, Lane and Clatsop Counties, and of individuals active in the SPC movement.

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Title: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS

Character: EXTREMIST MATTER

Synopsis:

Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) is a loose-knit, nationwide organization established by Portland resident HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH. The SPC philosophy states the County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement authority in the United States, and that the SPC is designed to assist the County Sheriff in combatting the unlawful acts of others, particularly that of federal and state officials. The SPC claims to have the "lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff to protect local jurisdiction." SPC claims the federal reserve system and the graduated income tax are "ultra-vires and not lawful," and that the federal judiciary has "attempted to establish a Dictatorship of the Courts over the citizens of the Republic." SPC calls for the establishment of a Posse in each county, which is not to be controlled by the national organization. The SPC publications, and statements of national leader MIKE BEACH, have not encouraged the various counties to engage in or prepare for violence at this time.

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HENRY LAMONT (MIKE) BEACH, Portland, Oregon, is the national organizer of SPC, which claims to have chapters in approximately 40 states. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to enforce the law. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the arrest by the posse of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents attempting to enforce the Internal Revenue Code. It claims to have the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff in protecting local citizens from unlawful activities, including the unlawful acts of officers of the government, whether these be judges or federal or state agents.

I. IDENTITY OF ORGANIZATION

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A. Origin of Organization

The SPC is an outgrowth of a now defunct Portland chapter of the Identity Group.

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WILLIAM POTTER GALE, Glendale, California, is the leader of Identity Group, which is also 01.4 known as the Ministry of Christ Church, which has been described as a cover for an "underground army." He is the self-proclaimed minister of the church. Identity Group claims to have representatives in 40 states. It advocates violence against Federal officers, blacks and Jewish elements. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the killing of Federal judges as well as FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service Agents. It advocates formation of a "posse comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriff's to "enforce" the law.

B. Organizational Structure
of SPC Movement

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The philosophy of the SPC is based on its contention the County Sheriff constitutes the only legal law enforcement officer in the United States. In the official publication of the SPC, it is stated, "The County Sheriff is the only legal law enforcement officer in the United States of America...it is his responsibility to protect the people of his county from unlawful acts on the part of anyone including officials of government...It should be emphasized that this protection extends to Citizens who are being subjected to unlawful acts even by officials of government, whether these be judges of courts or Federal or State Agents of any kind whatsoever. The County Sheriff must be advised of the instances where unlawful acts are committed...Once he has been advised and refuses to perform his lawful duty in respect to the matter, the Posse Comitatus has the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of Sheriff to protect local jurisdiction."

II. CHARTER AND INCORPORATION DATA

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The charter is then filed with the County Clerk, but since the document is of such an unusual nature, the various county clerks have filed the document under various titles, including CLERC and/or SPC. Additionally, county chapters are known to file incorporation papers with the appropriate Secretary of State. Examples of various charters can be located in the appendix.

Special Agent, FBI, 5/1/74.
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each of these counties, seven individuals are listed as charter members, however, depending on the status of activities of the particular chapter, the total membership of each chapter varies considerably.

B. Chapters Elsewhere in
the United States

In an article appearing in the February 18, 1974, issue of the "Journal," Portland, Oregon, daily newspaper, BEACH was quoted as stating, there is a national membership of 100,000, but this includes a number of Poses that are on their own. In an article datelined at Spokane, Washington, appearing in the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," BEACH stated Poses are in operation in 50 states, while in the "Journal" article, BEACH was quoted as stating the movement is active in 36 states.

1. Idaho

a. Madison County

An article appearing in the September, 1973, issue of the "Armed Citizen News," a publication of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms (NAKBA), a Medford, Oregon, based anti-gun legislation group, reported the organization of a Posse Comitatus chapter at Rexburg, Idaho. The organization of this chapter was "prompted by the plight of a Rexburg, Idaho, man forced to defend himself against arbitrary fines imposed under the Occupational Safety and Health Acts."

b. Bonner County

In an article datelined at Spokane, Washington, appearing in the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," it was noted that a Posse with an estimated membership of 85 individuals had been established the previous week in Bonner County.

2. Michigan - Livingston County

3. Washington

a. Grays Harbor County

In an article appearing in the March 4, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," datelined at Montesano, Washington, it was stated a local chapter of the SPC had been organized in Grays Harbor County. The article also stated SPC was now organized in 50 states, with chapters in four Portland area counties.

b. Spokane County

The February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," in an article entitled, "Northwest Posses Formed to Combat Crime," it was reported that Posse organizers claimed a 20-man chapter had been formed in Spokane County.

c. Pierce County

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4. Ohio

During March, 1974, Special Agents of the U. S. Secret Service reported Posse chapters were being organized in the Canton and Dover areas of Ohio. Literature in the possession of SPC members of these chapters was printed in Portland under the name of the CLERC.

5. Wisconsin

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In the one official publication of the SPC, a 16-page pamphlet, which explains the views of the SPC on such issues as federal education in the schools, the federal reserve system and the graduated income tax, BEACH states, "We are in the process of organizing a Citizens Posse in every county in the United States, with every able-bodied patriotic male of good character, who is interested in the preservation of law and order, becoming a member. Where possible we want to work directly with the County Sheriffs. In cases where we do not get their cooperation, we will take steps to replace the sheriff and get one in office that will represent the people by adhering to constitutional law, which they took an oath to do upon taking office."

B. Public Statements of BEACH

In the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," in an article datelined at Spokane, Washington, BEACH was quoted as stating "the Posse Comitatus groups advocate education of law enforcement officials followed by direct action if authorities fail to combat alleged law violations."

C. Public Statements of
Other SPC Leaders

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

JOHN TYNER, Chairman of the Grays Harbor County, Washington, Chapter of SPC, was quoted in the March 4, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," as stating, "The Posse Comitatus is the vehicle which we the people can utilize to investigate, arrest and carry out the decisions of the citizens grand jury against oath breaking officials."

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

DEAN KENNEDY, Chairman of the Lane County, Oregon, chapter of SPC, was quoted as stating in the November issue of the "Valley News," a Eugene, Oregon, area newspaper, "We want to tell people how far some of the politicians have gone astray in their blind quest for fame and personal profit, and bring them back, through arrest and conviction, if necessary, to sanity."

VI. SUMMARY OF PERTINENT ACTIVITIES

A. Violence, Terrorism or Intimidation
of Public Officers

1. Advocation of Such Acts

a. Statements by BEACH

In the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," BEACH was quoted as stating, "We first educate people, then encourage them to uphold the law," he said. "Then, if they don't catch on, we recommend that we, the posses, enforce the law. Shooting? We're not apt to do that. But if conditions get much worse, it might come to that some day."

b. Statements by other SPC Leaders

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

Q. ROBERT BARZEE, Chairman of the SPC Chapter in Baker County, Oregon, was quoted in an article appearing February 12, 1974, in the "Democrat Herald," a Baker daily newspaper, that if a member of the Posse brings anyone before the Sheriff and signed a complaint for his arrest, and if the Sheriff refuses to act, "he will be guilty of breaking his oath of office and the Posse will then bring him to public trial by a jury of their peers." The Posse will then "cause that the sheriff be removed from office and tried before a jury in the county court."

DEAN KENNEDY, Chairman of the Lane County, Oregon, chapter of SPC, was quoted in the December 12, 1973, issue of the "Oregonian," as stating, "We want to go to the aid of someone who is being harassed by the federal government. For example, if an Internal Revenue Service agent locks up someone's own bank account, the sheriff should arrest that agent. But if he doesn't, we will protect the individual...the posse would use physical force if necessary to protect an individual from harassment."

2. Actions

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

The Lane County, Oregon, chapter of the SPC is believed to be the most active to date, in taking steps to implement its views. An article appearing in the November 6, 1973, issue of the "Register Guard," a Eugene, Oregon, daily newspaper, reported the Lane County SPC had established a secret Posse Grand Jury to carry out the investigative work of the Posse. The job of the Grand Jury is to review incidents of alleged citizen harrassment by government officials. The December 12, 1973, issue of the Portland "Oregonian," reported the Lane County SPC on the basis of information developed by its grand jury, had approached Lane County Sheriff DAVID BURKE, demanding that he(BURKE) arrest some people.

B. Other Illegal Actions

(b)(7)(D) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

In the SPC publication, it is stated, "Title 26, U. S. Code, enacted by Congress and known as the Internal Revenue Code is completely in violation of the Constitution, therefore, it is ultra vires and not binding upon the people nor states of the union...any official of government, including judges of the courts, who attempt to encourage such unlawful action, should be removed from office. Where instances are known, the SPC should prepare an 'order for arrest' of the official involved. The arrest should be made and the criminal remanded to the custody of the County Sheriff for imprisonment and tried by a citizen's jury."

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C. Acquisition of Weapons and Explosions

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[REDACTED]

D. National Meetings

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

E. Training and Recruiting Activities

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VII. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

VIII. PUBLICATIONS

(b)(7)(D) The only official publication of the SPC is a 16-page pamphlet previously referred to in this report. [REDACTED]

IX. FOREIGN INFLUENCE

(b) (2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

X. CONNECTION WITH OTHER EXTREMIST
OR SUBVERSIVE ORGANIZATIONS

(b) (2) [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

The NCLC is self-described as an "organization of revolutionary socialists" whose major aim is to build a "unified Working Class Movement," which can secure working class control of the economy, under a socialist democracy. During 1973, the NCLC has had physical confrontations with members of the Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), and other factions on the left. In New York City, the name New York Labor Committee (NYLC) is synonymous with the NCLC.

The NYLC which was expelled from the SDS in 1968, seeks to identify itself with the American Worker. The NYLC believes that in the future the American Worker will emerge as a separate and distinct social class which will become oriented towards a socialist America.

SDS was founded during June, 1962, at Port Huron, Michigan, and in the 1960s functioned as the leading New Left campus-based student organization in the United States. From an initial posture of "participatory democracy," SDS moved to a radical-revolutionary position, with debate centering on how best to create a revolutionary youth movement. Internal factionalism produced a split during the SDS national convention in June, 1969, which resulted in the following three factions: Weatherman; Worker Student Alliance (WSA); and Revolutionary Youth Movement (RYM). The Weatherman and RYM are no longer affiliated with SDS. The WSA continues to use the name SDS and maintains its national headquarters at the Progressive Labor (PLP) Office, 139 Main Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Weatherman, formerly a faction of SDS, controlled the SDS national office from June, 1969, until its closing in February, 1970. Weatherman then entered an underground status and adopted a tactic of "strategic sabotage," with police and military installations designated as primary targets.

WSA, a faction of SDS, was expelled from SDS in June, 1969, by the then dominant Weatherman faction, but continued to use the name SDS and opened an office in Cambridge, Massachusetts. WSA aligned ideologically with the PLP and in February, 1971, moved to Chicago, Illinois, where it opened the SDS National Office at 1225 South Wabash Street.

The PLP, founded in 1965 by former members of the Communist Party USA (CPUSA), who assertedly followed a Chinese Communist line, is a revolutionary Marxist-Leninist organization dedicated to a dictatorship of the working class.

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RYM, an anti-imperialist revolutionary youth organization, was organized in 1969 from the RYM II faction of the SDS. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, RYM failed to gain support and by the end of 1970, it had ceased to exist as a national organization.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS

An article appearing in the February 9, 1974, issue of the "Oregonian," stated leaders of the SPC movement claimed "that their membership nearly duplicates that of the National Association to Keep and Bear Arms (NAKBA), an anti-gun control group, based at Medford, Oregon." The NAKBA has been linked with the SPC movement as a result of headline article in the January, 1974, issue of its publication, "The Armed Citizen News," entitled, "NAKBA to Support Posse Comitatus Nationwide." In this article the membership of the NAKBA was advised of the philosophy of the SPC movement, and that SPC literature could be obtained directly through NAKBA.

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APPENDIX

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DIRECTOR, FBI

6/6/74

SAC, BUTTE (62-2663) (C)

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OO: Butte

Subj circled in my [REDACTED]

Enclosed for the Bureau are four copies of a LHM.

Copies have been disseminated locally to the Secret Service by the Butte Office.

No further action is being taken.

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1 - Butte
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Butte, Montana, 59701
June 6, 1974

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Attached is a copy of a Xerox copy of a one-page pamphlet captioned "Public Notice The Time Has Come," dated April 24, 1974, signed Captain LOREN J. B. NEDLEY that is being distributed in the Missoula, Montana, area.

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THE TIME HAS COME.

WITH OUR DEMOCRACY DETERIORATED INTO HYPOCRACY . . .

WITH VIOLENT CRIMES, MURDER, DOPE, RAPE, KIDNAPPING, HOLDUPS,
ROBBERIES, CATTLE RUSTLING, VANDALISM, BEATINGS AND TORTURING OF
PEOPLE, YOUNG AND OLD, AND ALL OTHER ACTS OF CRIME AND VIOLENCE . . .

WITH LITTLE OR NO RESPECT FOR LAW AND ORDER . . .

WITH LITTLE OR NO LAW ENFORCEMENT . . .

WITH LITTLE OR NO JUSTICE IN OUR JUDICIARY COURTS . . .

THE TIME HAS COME FOR ACTION

BY THE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS OF MONTANA, AND ALL OF THE OTHER
FORTY-NINE STATES OF OUR GREAT REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA.

IF THERE ARE ONE, TWO, THREE THOUSANDS OR MORE OF RED-BLOODED
AMERICANS IN MONTANA WHO ARE WILLING AND INTERESTED IN BRINGING LAW
AND ORDER, JUSTICE AND HONESTY BACK TO OUR STATE, WHO ARE WILLING TO
FIGHT OR DIE FOR THEIR HOMES, SAFETY AND LOVED ONES, WILL THEY PLEASE
CONTACT ME AT ONCE.

THERE WILL BE POSSE COMATATUS COMMITTEES, ORGANIZED THROUGHOUT
MONTANA AND FORTY-NINE OTHER STATES OF OUR GREAT REPUBLIC OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA VERY SOON.

ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN ORGANIZING POSSE COMATATUS COMMITTEES
AND ALL PERSONS BELONGING TO THIS ORGANIZATION MUST BE TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
OF AGE OR OLDER, MARRIED AND OWN PROPERTY.

THEY MUST BE LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS WITH A CLEAN RECORD.

THERE WILL BE NO SHOOTINGS OR HANGINGS EXCEPT FOR MURDER, KID-
NAPPING, RAPE AND CATTLE RUSTLING.

LESSER CRIMES WILL BE HANDLED ACCORDING TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF
CRIMES COMMITTED.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT WAS THE VIGILANTES, ORGANIZED OVER ONE
HUNDRED YEARS AGO WHEN MONTANA WAS ONLY A TERRITORY, ORGANIZED BY
OUR FOREFATHERS, THAT BROUGHT LAW AND ORDER TO MONTANA.

WHAT OUR FOREFATHERS DID OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO WE CAN AND
MUST DO TODAY TO RESTORE LAW, ORDER, AND FREEDOM TO THE PEOPLE OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

ALL CITIZENS INTERESTED IN POSSE COMATATUS COMMITTEES PLEASE
CONTACT ME AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IN PERSON OR BY MAIL AT STEVENSVILLE,
MONTANA, 59870.

SIGNED AND DATED THIS 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 1974 BY

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]

6/21/74

SAC, Butte

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Director, FBI

1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
1 - Mr. [REDACTED]
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POSSE COMITATUS COMMITTEES
BUTTE DIVISION
EM - WHITE-HATE GROUP

ReBTlet and LHM dated 6/6/74, captioned [REDACTED]
aka, [REDACTED] Information Concerning."

Referenced LHM reports organizing efforts on the part of captioned individual in the formation of Posse Comitatus Committees within the State of Montana.

Despite the fact literature distributed concerning the purpose of the Posse Comitatus organization [REDACTED] your office has indicated no investigative action is being taken concerning same.

Butte Division should immediately institute investigations of [REDACTED] and the Posse Comitatus Committees being organized in the Montana area.

Investigations should be conducted in accordance with Section 122A of the Manual of Instructions and results furnished in form suitable for dissemination under separate case captions.

3 - Cleveland
3 - Detroit
3 - Los Angeles
3 - Miami
3 - Mobile
3 - Portland
3 - Sacramento
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DUPLICATE YELLOW

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Letter to Butte

Re: [REDACTED]

POSSE COMITATUS COMMITTEES

Include appropriate predicated data in each case. Butte Division should include in cover communications recommendations with respect to additional investigative action to be taken.

Butte Division should insure appropriate local and Federal authorities are advised of results of investigation in each of these matters.

For the information of Butte, Posse Comitatus Committees [REDACTED] would appear to be similar to Posse Comitatus groups and/or Identity Groups currently operational in the Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Miami, Mobile, Portland, Sacramento and San Diego Divisions. Butte Division should be alert to information indicating [REDACTED] organization may have direct ties with groups operating in the aforementioned divisions, and those offices should appropriately advise the Bureau and Butte Office of any information coming to their attention which is of pertinence to this matter.

[REDACTED]

NOTE:

Referenced LHM reports organizing efforts within the State of Montana in the formation of Posse Comitatus Committees. These Committees being formed on the theory that law enforcement has deteriorated to the point where vigilante-type organizations must act on their own. Literature [REDACTED] clearly indicates crimes of murder, kidnaping, rape and cattle rustling will be punished by shooting. Appropriate instructions being directed to Butte Division and to other field offices having similar type activity.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/29/74

FROM : JLM (157-1419) (P)
SAC, PORTLAND

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

EM - SPC
(OO: PORTLAND)

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Re Portland report of SA [REDACTED] 6/6/74,
captioned "Sheriff's Posse Comitatus."

Enclosed for the Bureau are five copies of an LHM
and enclosed for Seattle Division are two copies, setting
forth background and activities of [REDACTED]. Two
copies of an FD-376 are attached to the LHM for the Bureau.
LHM disseminated locally to Secret Service.

ADMINISTRATIVE

For information of the Bureau, captioned subject
came to the attention of Portland Division on 1/7/74, during
investigation conducted in Portland file 157-1286, entitled
"Identity Group, aka Ministry of Christ Church, United States
Christian Posse Association, Posse Comitatus, EM-WHG, OO:
Los Angeles." Separate investigation of [REDACTED] in connection
with the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC), not now believed to
be affiliated with the Identity Group in California, was in-
stituted on 3/22/74.

The following sources were utilized in the LHM:

Identity of Source

Location

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] is not being recommended for ADEX at this time as his activities have not been such as to present a clear, direct danger to the national security.

[REDACTED] has not been interviewed to date because of his local prominent stand of expressing hostility towards established law enforcement. It is believed that interview of [REDACTED] at this time would only result in undesirable publicity of the details of interview by [REDACTED]

The activities of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] are being followed through coverage of Lane County SPC (Portland file 157-1420).

Regarding the possible firearms violation discussed in LHM, the information was furnished to Special Agent [REDACTED] Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, Eugene, Oregon, on 1/12/74.

LEADS

SEATTLE

AT SEATTLE, WASHINGTON. Will conduct [REDACTED] regarding [REDACTED] date of birth [REDACTED] noting [REDACTED] had prior address of [REDACTED] Seattle, Washington.

PORTLAND

AT EUGENE, OREGON. Will continue to follow and report subject's activities, particularly developing subject's background.

(2) Will attempt to further develop source coverage of subject and Lane County SPC.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

July 29, 1974

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No. 157-1419

RE: [REDACTED]

Dear Sir:

The information furnished herewith concerns an individual or organization believed to be covered by the agreement between the FBI and Secret Service concerning protective responsibilities, and to fall within the category or categories checked.

1. ☐ Threats or actions against persons protected by Secret Service.
2. ☐ Attempts or threats to redress grievances.
3. ☐ Threatening or abusive statement about U. S. or foreign official.
4. ☐ Participation in civil disturbances, anti-U. S. demonstrations or hostile incidents against foreign diplomatic establishments.
5. ☐ Illegal bombing, bomb-making or other terrorist activity.
6. ☐ Defector from U. S. or indicates desire to defect.
7. ☒ Potentially dangerous because of background, emotional instability or activity in groups engaged in activities inimical to U. S.

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Very truly yours,


Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s))
U. S. Secret Service , Portland

Enclosure(s)



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon

July 29, 1974

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This investigation is based on information which indicates that [REDACTED] is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, U. S. Code, Section 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), Section 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), Section 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or Section 241 (Civil Rights Act, 1968).

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Henry Lamont (Mike) Beach, Portland, Oregon, is the national organizer of SPC, which claims to have chapters in approximately 40 states, which advocates the formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of the local sheriff to enforce the law. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the arrest by the posse of Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Agents attempting to enforce the Internal Revenue Code. The group claims to have the lawful right under natural law to act in the name of the sheriff in protecting local citizens from unlawful activities, including the unlawful acts of officers of the government, whether these be judges or federal or state agents.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence

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Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 7/29/74

FROM : SAC, CLEVELAND (100-34483) (P)

SUBJECT: OHIO PATRIOTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT,
Also Known As,
Citizens For Constitutional Rights,
Ministry of Christ Church,
Sheriff's Posse Comitatus,
Posse Comitatus
SM; EXTREMIST MATTER, WHITE HATE
GROUP

OO: Portland

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Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies
of an LHM, dated and captioned as above. Two (2) copies
of this LHM are being furnished for the Portland Office,
which is Office of Origin and one (1) copy for all other
offices. Also for the Bureau are two (2) copies of an FD-376.

Two copies of the LHM are being furnished to
Secret Service, Cleveland, Ohio.

Cases are currently pending in the Cleveland
Division on [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

No references are located in the Cleveland Division
for the signers to the paid advertisement appearing in
the "Censor Repository" on April 14, 1974.

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PER F.O.I.A. REQUEST

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Agency: Secret Service
Dept. - AAG Civil Rights Div.

AAG Criminal Div.

Attn: ISS

GCS (Lit. Unit)

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Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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LEADS

CLEVELAND:

AT FINDLAY, OHIO

Will contact [REDACTED]

AT CANTON, OHIO

Will follow and report activities of captioned organization to local sources.



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535
Cleveland, Ohio
July 29, 1974

Director
United States Secret Service
Department of the Treasury
Washington, D. C. 20220

OHIO PATRIOTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERN-
MENT, Also Known As, Citizens For
Constitutional Rights, Ministry of Christ
Church, Sheriff's Posse Comitatus,
RE: Posse Comitatus

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Very truly yours,

Clarence M. Kelley
Clarence M. Kelley
Director

1 - Special Agent in Charge (Enclosure(s)) (2)
U. S. Secret Service
Cleveland (By Hand)
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Cleveland, Ohio

July 29, 1974

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Sheriff's Posse Comitatus,
Posse Comitatus

This investigation is based on information which indicates that the Ohio Patriots For Constitutional Government, also known as the Citizens for Constitutional Rights, Ministry of Christ Church, Sheriff's Posse Comitatus, and Posse Comitatus, is engaged in activities which could involve a violation of Title 18, Sections 1114 (Assaulting or Killing a Federal Officer), 2383 (Rebellion or Insurrection), 2384 (Seditious Conspiracy), or 241 (Civil Rights Act of 1968), United States Code. A paid advertisement appeared in the newspaper "Canton Repository", Canton, Ohio on April 14, 1974 as follows:

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Sources whose identities are
disclosed herein have been
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document except where otherwise noted.

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ENCLOSURE

XEROX

AUG 28 1974

RE: OFFICE PARLIAMENTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT
Also Known As,
Citizens for Constitutional Rights,
Ministry of Christ Church,
Sheriff's Posse Comitatus,
Posse Comitatus

PAID ADVERTISEMENT

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NOTICE...

TO ALL PUBLIC OFFICIALS, STATE AND FEDERAL I.R.S. officials and agents, Judges, Senators, Congressmen, Federal Reserve Bankers, American Bar Assoc., and to whom it may concern!!

MARK THESE WORDS AND MARK THEM WELL!

We, the people, ordained and established this government, to secure our liberties and to protect our lives and our property and for no other reason did we delegate to you, ANY portion of our sovereignty. To this end, we did bind you down with the chains of our Constitution. Those chains now lie broken by the usurpers and tyrants who claim to rule us but who, in fact wage ECONOMIC REVOLUTION against us, by transferring the power of the purse from the people to the "government" to feed a Frankenstein bureaucracy, which we must now either suffer or subdue--we choose to suffer it no longer!

If we were to count the honest among you, they would not number the fingers of our hands.

You are the prostitutes of the international bankers, who "loan" you money to invest and then see that your investments prosper -- as long as you do their bidding!

By your hands, and those of former congressional henchmen, our form of government has been altered WITHOUT OUR KNOWLEDGE OR CONSENT in violation of your oath and in contempt of our law.

Therefore we the people do hereby issue this public challenge to you, to meet our chosen representatives on Nationwide Radio & TV to debate and settle the issues set forth in this notice. The American people are fed up with planned shortages, inflation, high taxes, Watergates, and lies etc., It is time for the truth to be brought out into the open. All we hear on radio and TV and read in the newspapers is the "government's" side of the issue, it is time for rebuttal. The American people must again decide which type of government they wish to live under.

1. A government run completely by the elected officials who usurp their power and authority over the people and whose authority can never be questioned and who say the law is what they say it is.
2. A government of the people, by the people and for the people as provided by the United States Constitution where the people are sovereign and the elected officials are their servants and not their masters.

To slavery or freedom? That is the question.

ALL OF PARTICULARS

COUNT I

You have maintained an UNCONSTITUTIONAL war, which you have REFUSED to win, when it was WELL within your grasp to do so.

COUNT II

You have maintained an UNCONSTITUTIONAL draft to fight it.

COUNT III

You have been ACCESSORIES to the MURDER of over 50,000 American men and responsible for the MAIMING of THOUSANDS more! All sacrificed on the altar of appeasement to our SOVIET ENEMY.

COUNT IV

You have BRUTALLY robbed the People of their savings by PLANNED inflation, through intentional deficit spending in order to bring us to ECONOMIC RUIN and thereby on a par with SOVIET SLAVES!

COUNT V

You have TREASONOUSLY agreed to finance, in various and cunning ways, our SOVIET ENEMY.

COUNT VI

You have passed legislation which grinds to dust, our Constitutional rights and immunities.

COUNT VII

You have instituted a REIGN OF TERROR for the purpose of extorting from us, the fruits of our labors -- to this end you have established a FEDERAL GESTAPO -- the IRS--to whom you have given the power to make their OWN laws, and whom you have cloaked in the Congressional protection of sovereign immunity placing them ABOVE the law.

COUNT VIII

You have destroyed Due Process of Law and we are STRIPPED of our property and our incomes, without EVER having had our day in court and those who object or resist are charged with "crimes" against the "government" and dragged away in handcuffs, and often -IN LEG IRONS!

COUNT IX

You have covertly RE-established DEBTORS' PRISON, so abhorred by our Founding Fathers, for those who refuse to give evidence against themselves on a 1040 CONFESSION SHEET.

COUNT X

You have passed legislation which purports to give permission to the federal gestapo to tap our telephones, confiscate our mail, drill open our safety deposit boxes, seize our bank records and steal our funds, ALL, without due process of law.

COUNT XI

You have passed legislation, depriving us of our right to a FAIR trial, and failed to pass laws which protect us from the executive and judicial conspiracy, to suppress evidence; to tamper with juries; to protect the right to assistance of counsel of our friends to speak in our defense, and you have deprived us our our COMMON LAW RIGHT to judge the law as well as the fact.

COUNT XII

You have passed legislation, establishing a TOTALLY UNCONSTITUTIONAL TAX COURT with OBVIOUS INTENT OF DEPRIVING US OF OUR RIGHT TO A TRIAL BY JURY in ANY matter of \$20.00 or more, as secured to us in the 7th Amendment.

COUNT XIII

You have concurred with the judiciary, in their claim to an "inherent right to punish contempt by depriving a citizen of his LIBERTY, without due process of law and to be judge IN THEIR OWN CAUSE!

COUNT XIV

You have passed legislation to permit UNLAWFUL searches and seizures in flagrant violation of the Fourth Amendment.

COUNT XV

You are planning FURTHER deprivation of our Constitutional rights and immunities in your consideration of the Genocide Treaty.

COUNT XVII

You maintain mental institutions, erroneously called "federal prisons," and torture and other such HIGHLY sophisticated forms, you "treatment" are developed for "political prisoners."

COUNT XVIII

You serve as INFORMERS to the IRS, by turning over letters written by unsuspecting citizens, to you, seeking redress of their grievances and receiving only - betrayal.

COUNT XIX

You have passed legislation, making civil matters "criminal", so as to frighten and intimidate the People into compliance with your UNLAWFUL ACTS.

COUNT XX

You have conspired with the President of the United States to overthrow the lawful, CONSTITUTIONAL government by abolishing the States, which created you and supplanting them with REGIONAL government, so as to reduce this great nation to a state in a one-world government via the Atlantic Union Resolution.

If this be not oppression, tyranny and revolution -- by what name do YOU call it?

The colonists NEVER suffered such abuses as these:

It is in the Congress of the United States that these CRIMES AGAINST us began and it is in the Congress that they must now be STOPPED!

We have endured these evils and have, with patient suffering, sought their correction-but in VAIN. Our repeated efforts to reason with you have been met with increased force and BRUTALITY.

Now hear this you faithless servants and hear this well! If this challenge is not answered within 30 days we will consider this admission of your guilt to the above bill of particulars and we will take whatever steps necessary to correct the situation ourselves which is our constitutional right and duty. We also refuse to pay any state, city, or federal income taxes until you can answer the above charges and prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that what you are doing is in conformance to the United States constitution, and that by paying these taxes we are not financing our own destruction.

With the faith in God and our Constitution we issue these challenges realizing that we are inviting the wrath, vengeance and brutality of the judicial system and especially the I.R.S.S. agency. Our forefathers did not fight a revolution to be free of the tyranny of King George the Third that we should be subjected to the tyranny of the I.R.S.S. and public officials who refuse to uphold their oath of office.

WE THE PEOPLE

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WALTER BRATKA

We invite a reply from any patriot who wishes to stand up and be counted for his country and who wishes to support the U.S. Constitution.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

8/5/74

SAC, MOBILE (157-5817) (RUC)

[REDACTED]
RM - WHITE HATE

POSSE COMITATUS COMMITTEES
BUTTE DIVISION
RM - WHITE HATE GROUP

Re Bureau letter to Butte, 6/21/74.

Mobile Office has a pending investigation concerning the Ministry of Christ Church (MCC), also known as the Identity Group (IG), Los Angeles OO, Bureau File 157-28213, Los Angeles File 157-7775. In this file information has been developed and reported in the past concerning the formation of a local Posse Comitatus within the IG.

During the past few months no information has been developed concerning the Posse Comitatus at Mobile. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] are alert for information concerning the Posse Comitatus.

Mobile has no information relating to [REDACTED] or activity which may relate to the Posse Comitatus within the state of Montana.

2 - Bureau (RM)
2 - Butte (RM)
2 - Los Angeles (RM)
2 - Mobile (1 - 157-5817)
(1 - 157-5095)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Cleveland (157-6060) (P)

DATE: 7/30/74

SUBJECT: SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, aka.,
Posse Comitatus
EM

OO: Portland

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Re Portland letter to the Bureau, 4/24/74.

Enclosed for Cincinnati is a copy of referenced
letter.

Efforts to contact [REDACTED]

were unsuccessful.

LEAD

CINCINNATI:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO

Will contact the Secretary of State Office to
determine if a charter has been issued to the Posse
Comitatus in the State of Ohio.

- 2 - Bureau
- 2 - Portland (157-1432)
- 2 - Cincinnati (Enc. 1)
- 2 - Cleveland

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5010-108-02

Buy U.S. Savings Bonds Regularly on the Payroll Savings Plan

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 8/7/74

FROM :

SAC, PORTLAND (157-1200) (C)

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SUBJECT:

EM - WHITE HATE

DATE 6/24/82 BY SP8BJJ/lm

Re Portland letter and LHM dated 7/31/73.

Furnished as enclosures are five copies of a letterhead memorandum setting forth additional information concerning activities of [REDACTED] obtained since date of referenced communication.

This case has been re-evaluated in light of the ADEX criteria, and [REDACTED] is not being recommended for ADEX inclusion in that he does not pose a direct, current, or realistic threat to the security of the United States.

2-Bureau (Enc. 5) (AM)(RM)
1-Portland

Agency: Secret Service
Dept. - [REDACTED] Div.

AAC Criminal Div.

Attn: ISS

GCS (Lit. Unit)

How forwarded

Date SEP 6 1974

By

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PD 157-1200

Special Agent of the FBI referred to in the LHM
is SA [REDACTED]

Sources utilized were:

[REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Portland, Oregon

August 7, 1974

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

I. BACKGROUND

A. Residence and Employment

Special Agent of the FBI
August 2, 1974

B. Vehicle

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II. "POSSE COMITATUS" ACTIVITIES

The Sheriff's Posse Comitatus was organized during 1973 at Portland, Oregon, with autonomous branches being established throughout the country. The purpose of the organization is to oppose alleged improper and illegal acts of local, state, and federal authorities through a Citizens Grand Jury to review incidents of citizen harassment by government officials. Leaders of the group claim to have chapters in over 40 states.

Sources whose identities are concealed herein have furnished reliable information in the past except where otherwise noted

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.

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(b)(7)(c) [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c) William Potter Gale, Glendale, California, is the leader of the Identity Group, which is also known as the Ministry of Christ Church, which has been described as a cover for an underground army. Identity group, which also claims to have representatives in 40 states, advocates violence against federal officers, blacks, and Jewish elements. The group advocates tax rebellion and has urged the killing of federal judges as well as FBI Agents and Internal Revenue Service agents. It advocates formation of a "Posse Comitatus," a voluntary group of citizens who would act in the name of local sheriffs to enforce the law.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c) [REDACTED]

(b)(7)(c) [REDACTED]

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III. INTERVIEW

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 8/20/74

FROM : ¹⁶⁴
⁶⁶⁶ S. Cleveland (100-34483) (P)

SUBJECT: "CHANGED"

OHIO PATRIOTS FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT,

Also Known As,

Citizens For Constitutional Rights,

Ministry of Christ Church,

Sheriff's Posse Comitatus,

Posse Comitatus

EXTREMIST MATTER

WHITE HATE GROUP

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DATE 6/24/80 BY SP8 BTJ/llm

The title in this matter is being marked "CHANGED" to show the deletion of the Subversive Matter classification.

Re Cleveland letter, 7/29/74 to the Bureau, Los Angeles, Portland and San Francisco, under the above caption and Cleveland file number.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies each of pages 2, 2a, 2b and 6 of referenced LHM. Corrected copies are also being furnished to other receiving offices.

It is noted that captioned group came to the attention of the Cleveland Office in April, 1974 under the name of the Ohio Patriots for Constitutional Government. At this time it was noted that some of the membership was synonymous with persons known to be affiliated with an extremist White Hate group operating under the name of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (subject of Cleveland file 157-6060). At this time, however, there was insufficient

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- 4 - Bureau (Enc. 32) (RM)
 - 1 - Los Angeles (Enc. 4) (RM) REC-70
 - 2 - Portland (Enc. 8) (RM)
 - 1 - San Francisco (Enc. 4) (RM)
 - 3 - Cleveland
 - (2 - 157-6060)

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information upon which to base a conclusion that the two groups were, in fact, identical. Upon the basis of information currently available, however, the Ohio Patriots for Constitutional Government is undoubtedly identical with the Sheriff's Posse Comitatus.

In view of the foregoing Cleveland file 100-34483 is being closed and consolidated with Cleveland file 157-6060. Future investigation of captioned organization in the Cleveland Division will be handled under the 157 caption and file inasmuch as all information available to date indicates the organization to be a White Hate group rather than a subversive organization.

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8/28/74

TO SAC, Milwaukee

157-2768

FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

Subject:

SHERIFF'S POSSE COMITATUS, AKA POSSE COMITATUS,
EXTREMIST MATTER, OO: PORTLAND.

Reference: ☐ Cover pages of SA ☐ Report of SA ☐ Letterhead memo
dated _____ at _____

☐ Letter ☒ Teletype ☐ Airtel ☐ Radiogram ☐ Cablegram dated 8/22/74 from Milwaukee
to Director, FBI Your mail dispatch of _____, registry number _____

☒ **Nonsubstantive Error** - notify appropriate personnel; mark notation in error folder; and consider in next performance ratings. Consider employees' work records as to any needed action.

☐ **Substantive Error** - return original of form to Bureau promptly with explanations and recommendations.

Take appropriate action in connection with error in subject matter checked below:

☐ 1. Administrative Data

- ☐ a. Failed to submit letterhead memo re subject who is Government employee
☐ b. Omission of "Property of FBI" statement on letterhead memo
☐ c. Reason for protecting source not given
☐ d. Documentation re FISUR Agents omitted
☐ e. Failure to meet 5-day reporting rule after arrest
☐ f. Pretext not described ☐ g. Accomplishments? ☐ h. Acquittals?

☐ 2. Delayed

- ☐ a. Investigation ☐ c. Transcription
☐ b. Dictation ☐ d. Reporting

☐ 3. O.C. Incorrect (O.C. is _____)

- ☐ 4. Reporting office
☐ 5. Date of communication
☐ 6. Investigative period
☐ 7. Title

- ☐ a. Incomplete ☐ d. Incorrectly ☐ e. Fugitive
☐ b. Misspelled ☐ 1. Changed ☐ 1. Omitted
☐ c. Omitted ☐ 2. Carried ☐ 2. Incorrectly carried

☐ 8. Character

- ☐ a. Incomplete ☐ b. Incorrect ☐ c. Omitted

☐ 9. Synopsis

- ☐ a. Incomplete or inadequate
☐ b. Facts not in detail or vice versa
☐ c. Fails to show
☐ 1. Owner notified ☐ 2. Employed key facility
☐ 3. Has access classified data at key facility
☐ 4. Pertinent Section, U. S. Code
☐ d. Recovery value not set out
☐ e. "Caution" statement
☐ 1. Omitted ☐ 2. Failure to delete

☐ 10. Status

- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ b. Omitted

☐ 11. Not approved by SAC (original returned for approval and forwarding)

☐ 12. Copies

- ☐ a. Not legible ☐ b. Not furnished
☐ 1. Auxiliary office
☐ 2. U. S. Attorney
☐ 3. _____

☐ c. Incorrect no. of copies to

- ☐ 1. Bureau ☐ 2. _____

☐ d. Reason for information copy

☐ 13. Bufile Number should be

- ☐ a. Incorrectly reported
☐ b. Files consolidated at Bureau

☒ 14. Details

- ☐ a. No description
☐ b. Stops not removed
☐ c. Subject in custody, complaint and warrant issued but immediate hearing before U. S. Magis. not reported
☐ d. Delay in receiving information from P.D. indicates lack of police liaison
☐ e. Incomplete reporting
☐ f. Administrative data in details
☐ g. Incorrect code section cited
☐ h. Failed to
☐ 1. Take sworn statement
☐ 2. Show employed key facility
☐ 3. Show date information received
☐ 4. Show name of Agent conducting interview
☐ 5. Show has access classified data at key facility

- ☒ i. Characterization omitted
☐ j. "Place" omitted in jurat of sworn statement
☐ k. No indication U. S. Marshal notified

☐ 15. Form

- ☐ a. Incomplete
☐ b. Incorrect
☐ c. Failed to submit

☐ 16. Enclosures

- ☐ a. Not received ☐ c. Not submitted ☐ d. Submit travel card
☐ b. Not described ☐ 1. Disposition Sheet

☐ 17. Security Classification

- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ c. Reason not shown
☐ b. Declassify ☐ d. Omitted

☐ 18. Leads

- ☐ a. Not set out ☐ b. Too vague

☐ 19. Informants

- ☐ a. FBI No. not given ☐ d. Not identified
☐ b. 30-day contact ☐ e. Date of FBI Identification Division record check not listed
☐ c. Incorrect T symbol ☐ f. Failed to submit evaluation memo

☐ 20. Reference

- ☐ a. Incorrect ☐ b. Omitted

☐ 21. Abstract

☐ 22. Misspelling, page _____

☐ 23. Typographical error

☐ 24. Incorrect use of

- ☐ a. Airtel ☐ b. Teletype

☐ 25. Resubmit promptly in form suitable for dissemination ☐ LHM

☐ 26. Parole Report

- ☐ a. Not submitted ☐ b. Violation block incorrect

☐ 27. Incorrect date(s)

☐ 28. Miscellaneous

☐ 29. Bureau mailing instructions, Manual of Rules and Regulations, Part II, Section 3, B, 2, Item e. _____ not followed.

☐ 30. Submit appropriate amended pages.

Remarks:

Characterization of Sheriff's Posse Comitatus (SPC) and its apparent parent organization, the Identity Group (IG), was omitted from referenced teletype. FBIHQ copies corrected. Correct your copies accordingly. For your information, Los Angeles is office of origin regarding IG and FBIHQ forwarded copy of referenced teletype to LA.

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